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RESPONSE AFTER FINAL REJECTION
EXPEDITED EXAMINING PROCEDURE
GROUP ART UNIT 3682
PATENT APPLICATION
Q63051

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT & TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Toru TSUKADA, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/809,262

Group Art Unit: 3682

Confirmation No.: 6379

Examiner: Chong Hwa KIM

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the Final Office Action dated February 19, 2003, please reconsider the above-identified application in light of the following remarks:

REMARKS

Claims 17-25 are all of the claims currently pending in this application.

The Examiner's reliance upon Yabe et al. is incorrect. Pursuant to §4807 of the new American Inventors Protection Act of 1999, subject matter which was prior art under former 35 U.S.C. §103(c) via 35 U.S.C. §102(e) is now disqualified as prior art against a claimed invention